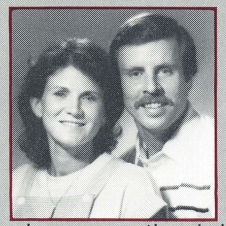
## Bob & Willa Moss
## Co-Head Coaches



Bob and Willa Moss, a husband and wife team that originated the Little Rock Gymnastics Center back in 1976, are Co-Head Coaches of the Centenary Ladies. Both are 34 years old and attended Southeastern Louisiana University starting in 1969.

Bob was a competitive trampolinist under previous Ladies Coach Vannie Edwards, who was a national champion in 1970 and a member of the All-America Trampoline team the following season.

Willa trained under Edwards as well in all-around competition, and in 1971 she became a judge of national meets — a task she at times still undertakes.

In 1973, a year before they would be married, the Mosses went in different directions. Bob traveled with Edwards as his assistant to Southwest Junior College in Summit, Mississippi. Willa moved back home to New Jersey and taught in the public school system there until 1976. Once married the couple managed a gymnastics training club in New Jersey through that same year.

In the fall of 1976 the Mosses took their gymnastic talents and teaching abilities south to Little Rock, where they operated until their appointment at Centenary. At the Little Rock Gymnastics Center they taught 400 class students per year as well as 50 or so competitive gymnasts.

The Mosses like the gymnastics climate and potential for growth in the Shreveport area. Not that Vannie Edwards didn't help get the ball rolling.

"Vannie is to women's gymnastics what Vince Lombardi was to football," said Bob Moss. "You really don't fill someones shoes like him, but you just do the best you can to make a good situation better. That is what my wife and I will try to do."

The soon-to-be-built training center will be erected in the southeast part of Shreveport with the probable site being in the vicinity of LSU-S off of Youree Drive and Bert Kouns.

"Our goal for the center will be to develop national and international gymnasts," stated Moss, "who will represent Shreveport and the State of Louisiana."

Three years after the duo arrived on the scene in Little Rock, they coached their first national gymnastics champion, Beth Pope. Since that first title captured by Pope, the Mosses have guided two other gymnasts to numerous other national championships.

They begin their second season at Centenary.

## Lori Cunningham — Asst. Coach

Lori Cunningham, a junior out of New Orleans, Louisiana, assists Centenary's Ladies. Cunningham came to Centenary in the fall of 1985 as a graduate of O. Perry Walker High School, but a career ending injury the day before the opening meet (vs. Southern Arkansas-Tech) of '85 has forced her to watch and teach from the sidelines — she tore ligaments in her right knee while dismounting from the bars.

Cunningham took up gymnastics at nine years of age after starting as a dancer as a 3-year-old. She is a biology major.

## 1987 Lady Gymnastics Schedule

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | SITE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sat. | Jan. 10 | TEXAS WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY | GOLD DOME |
| Sat. | Jan. 17 | Fort Hays State University | Hays, KS |
| Fri. | Jan. 30 | CENTENARY, LSU, HOUSTON BAPTIST | GOLD DOME |
| Sat. | Feb. 7 | U. of Wisconsin Invitational | Oshkosh, WI |
| Fri. | Feb. 13 | Houston Baptist University | Houston, TX |
| Fri. | Feb. 27 | Texas Women's University | Denton, TX |
| Fri. | Mar. 6 | NAIA Nationals | Hays, KS |
| Sat. | Mar. 7 | | |

ALL HOME MEETS ARE IN THE GOLD DOME, BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.

## The All-Americans

**1965-66** Susan McDonald, Marianne Woolner, Paula Chris, Mary Camille Traweek and Mary Bankston
**1966-67** Janie Speaks, Karen Lively, Marianne Woolner, Susan McDonald and Diane Masse
**1967-68** Debbie Bailey, JoAnn Connelly, Mickey Adams, Karen Lively and Judy Johnson
**1968-69** Karen Lively, Mickey Adams, JoAnn Connelly and Jan Wheatley
**1976-77** Janie Van Eman
**1977-78** Kathy Johnson, Beth Johnson, Jeanelle Bertling and Gigi DeJong
**1978-79** Kathy Johnson, Beth Johnson, Jeanelle Bertling, Emily May and Denise Balk
**1979-80** Beth Johnson, Jennifer Forshee, Margot Todd, Jill Brown, Sue Haynie, Kim Strauss and Karen Edelston
**1980-81** Margot Todd, Kim Strauss, Jennifer Forshee, Jill Brown and Sue Haynie
**1981-82** Margot Todd, Janet Stevens, Susan Gibson, Jill Brown and Jennifer Forshee
**1982-83** Jill Brown, Jennifer Forshee and Janet Stevens
**1983-84** Margot Todd Evans, Jessica Soileau, Suzanne Reasor and Janet Stevens
**1984-85** Janet Stevens, Suzanne Reasor, Susan Gibson, Holly Rucker and Loye Walker
**1985-86** Julie Goodwin and Loye Walker

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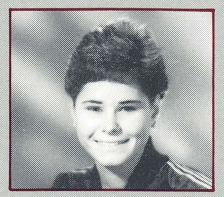
# 1987

# Centenary's Ladies

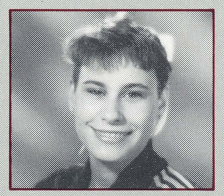


Tammy Collins

**TAMMY COLLINS** (5-2, sophomore all-around, Baton Rouge High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana) . . . participated in all 10 Centenary meets as a freshman last season, mainly in the floor exercise (7.33 avg.) and the vault (7.66) . . . has the talent to compete in every event . . . a member of the Baton Rouge High team that won the Louisiana Division II State Championship . . . coached by Kevin Nee and Smo Didomenica . . . born 11-16-67 . . . parents are Glenn and Linda Collins . . . has two sisters . . . biology/pre-med major.

LeAnn English

**LeANN ENGLISH** (5-7, freshman all-around, Ouachita Parish High School, Monroe, Louisiana) . . . competed for the Bayou Gym Club in Monroe under the direction of Dave and Sue Ann King and Danny Taylor before enrolling at Centenary . . . best event is the bars . . . won Louisiana Class I State in 1980, 1983 and 1985 . . . qualified for Eastern Nationals in 1985 and 1986 . . . did not compete in 1984 due to a broken right ankle . . . born 9-30-68 . . . parents are Joe and Orel Lene . . . has two sisters . . . accounting major.



Julie Goodwin

**JULIE GOODWIN** (5-6, sophomore all-around, Westlake High School, Austin, Texas) . . . led the Ladies as a freshman with a 33.61 all-around average . . . top event was the floor exercise (8.77), but showed versatility in the three other routines as well . . . leading point-getter in seven of Centenary's meets a year ago — best effort was a 34.30 all-around score at LSU . . . was named NAIA All-American at Nationals last winter in the uneven bars (8.50, placing 8th) and floor exercise (9.00, good for 4th) . . . born 4-16-67 . . . parents are James and Patricia Goodwin . . . has one sister . . .business major.

## On The Cover

**(Front row: l to r) Mary Beth Hebert, Tammy Collins and Julie Goodwin. (Back row: l to r) LeAnn English, Julie Read, Jill McCall and Sue Swoboda.**

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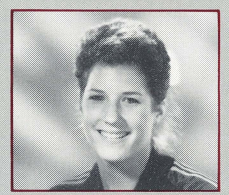
Mary Beth Hebert

**MARY BETH HEBERT** (5-1, senior all-around, Mt. Carmel High School, New Iberia, Louisiana) . . . saw action in all 10 Centenary meets a year ago with a 32.79 all-around average — second best of the Ladies . . . recorded top individual 1986 performance of any Centenary gymnast with a 34.50 in the Gold Dome vs. Georgia College (2-21-86) last season . . . paced the Ladies at three competitions in '86 . . . best event was the floor exercise (8.43) . . . top Lady on the beam at 8.35 per meet . . . routines are designed for the big score . . . competed for the Acadiana Gymnastics Training Center in Lafayette before coming to Centenary . . . placed sixth at the USFG State Championships as a Class I gymnast . . . coached at Acadiana by Gary Smith . . . born 3-5-65 . . . parents are Ralph and Olga Hebert . . . has two brothers and two sisters . . . majoring in business.

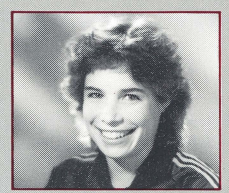
Jill McCall

**JILL McCALL** (5-4, freshman all-around, L.V. Berkner High School, Richardson, Texas) . . . competed for One-Half In One-Half Out Gymnastics in Carrolton, Texas as a 1986 All-American in all four events . . . best event is the beam . . . competed at State, Regional and Western National level in 1983, 1984 and 1986 . . . last year was tenth all-around and second on the beam at Western Nationals — also second all-around at Regionals . . . missed 1985 season after injury during tumbling routine that required surgery on left knee . . . Who's Who . . . born 6-16-68 . . . parents are Rick and Shelley McCall . . . one brother and one sister . . . accounting major.



Julie Read

**JULIE READ** (5-7, freshman all-around, Caddo Magnet High School, Shreveport, Louisiana) . . . trained at Caddo Magnet as a senior under ex-Centenary coach Vannie Edwards . . . National Scholar/Athlete Award from the Army Reserve in 1985-86 . . . member of Homecoming Court and had a writing published in *The Seedlings* as a junior and senior . . . senior class favorite . . . born 2-23-68 . . . parents are Douglas and Barbara Read . . . has two brothers . . . sociology major.



Sue Swoboda

**SUE SWOBODA** (5-6, senior all-around, Olympia High School, Bremerton, Washington) . . . concentrated on the vault and bars a year ago after transfering from Spokane Community College . . . also saw action on the balance beam . . . her best event was the vault (8.28 avg.) . . . coached by Rick Harrison at Spokane CC as the Sasquatch squad finished as runner-up at the National Junior College meet in 1985 . . . voted Outstanding Athlete at Olympia High as a senior, lettering in gymnastics, cross-country and track . . . coach at Olympia High was Greg Skinner . . . born 4-7-64 . . . parents are Arthur and Eleanor Swoboda . . . has two brothers . . . physical education major.

## 1987 Roster

| GYMNAST | EVENT | HT | CL | EXP | HOMETOWN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tammy Collins | AA | 5-2 | So. | 1L | Baton Rouge, La. |
| LeAnn English | AA | 5-7 | Fr. | HS | Monroe, La. |
| Julie Goodwin | AA | 5-6 | So. | 1L | Austin, Tx. |
| Mary Beth Hebert | AA | 5-1 | Sr. | 3L | New Iberia, La. |
| Jill McCall | AA | 5-4 | Fr. | HS | Richardson, Tx. |
| Julie Read | AA | 5-7 | Fr. | HS | Shreveport, La. |
| Sue Swoboda | AA | 5-5 | Sr. | 1L | Bremerton, Wa. |

## About Centenary and Ladies Gymnastics

**LOCATION:** Shreveport, Louisiana. **NICKNAME:** Ladies. **COLORS:** Maroon and White. **ENROLLMENT:** 941. **PRESIDENT:** Dr. Donald A. Webb. **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Walt Stevens. **SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR:** Pat Booras. **SID'S PHONE:** (318) 869-5092, Home (318) 868-3382. **TRAINER:** Ken Rogers. **HOME COURT:** Gold Dome (4,000). **AFFILIATION:** NAIA District 30.

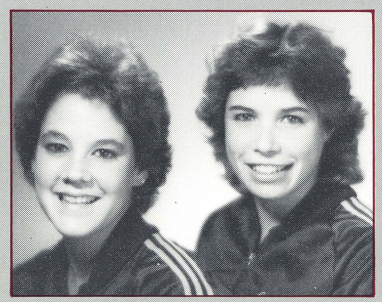
**HEAD COACHES:** Bob and Willa Moss (Southeastern Louisiana). **CAREER COACHING RECORD:** 9-11 (1 year, tournament record). **RECORD AT CENTENARY:** 9-11 (1 year, tournament record). **ASSISTANT COACH:** Lori Cunningham.

**1986 RECORD AND HIGHLIGHTS:** Ladies ended last season 6th in the NAIA National Tournament held at Eau Claire, Wisconsin (won by Wisconsin-Oshkosh) . . . 1986 tournament record was 9-11, ending a string of 12 consecutive winning seasons, but came on strong at end of year . . . two All-Americans in Julie Goodwin (bars & floor) and Loye Walker (balance beam).

**RETURNING LETTER WINNERS:** Four. Julie Goodwin, Mary Beth Hebert, Sue Swoboda and Tammy Collins.

**NEWCOMERS:** Three. Jill McCall, LeAnn English and Julie Read.

**LETTER WINNERS LOST:** Four. Loye Walker, Holly Rucker, Katrina Kellogg and Rina House.



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**Seniors Mary Beth Hebert (left) and Sue Swoboda hope to help the Centenary Ladies to the NAIA Nationals in March.**